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Rabin: PLO responsible for soldier's safety

Gaza sealed after Hamas announces kidnapping

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PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat bears responsibility for ensuring that Cpl. Nahshon Wachman, kidnapped by Hamas on Sunday, is returned safely, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the PLO chairman in a phone conversation last night. Izzadin Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas, announced in a videotape recording last night it had kidnapped Wachman and demanded the freeing of over 200 prisoners by Friday evening in return for his release.

Rabin said Arafat's response in this situation would be a "true test" of the Israel-PLO accord. Officials in the Prime Minister's Office said last night that they are calling back the peace talks delegation in Cairo "for consultations." It is the first time since the signing of the Oslo accords that Israel has suspended talks as the result of Palestinian violence. (See story, Page 2)

An aide to Rabin said the PLO leader condemned the attack and said he would try to "do his best" to ensure Wachman is returned. Rabin also informed Arafat that he was sealing off the Gaza Strip until further notice, with the assumption being that Wachman is being held there. This means some 28,000 Palestinian workers will not be permitted to cross into Israel.

The prime minister has scheduled a special cabinet meeting for this morning to discuss the kidnapping. Rabin and Palestinian security officials were meeting at Gaza's Erez crossing point last night to discuss security cooperation. According to Israeli Radio, Arafat convened his security advisers in



A masked Hamas gunman poses with kidnapped soldier Nahshon Wachman's identity card in Gaza yesterday. (Reuters)

Gaza last night. In a rare move, Rabin's spokesman released a written statement last night that included an excerpt of the prime minister's remarks to Arafat. According to the statement, Rabin told the PLO leader: "You and the Palestinian Authority are responsible for what happens in the territories under your control. You are responsible for the life and safety of the soldier, ensuring that he returns healthy and whole to Israel. This is a true test for the Palestinian Authority, and your part in implementing the agreement between us."

Kassam warned that if its conditions were not fulfilled by Friday at 9 p.m. the government "would take responsibility for the death of the soldier and would pay dearly for his body." The videotape showed a masked youth holding Wachman's identity card and his IDF-issue rifle. Facing the camera, he read a handwritten statement demanding the release of individual Hamas leaders and prisoners from several factions. The leaders included: Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin; Salah Shehadeh, an Izzadin Kassam leader; and two Hizbullah cap-

him were shown in the tape. The youth held up a second tape purporting to be an interview with Wachman in uniform, and said it was for sale for \$15,000. "This attack is a present from the spirits of Hassan Abbas and Issam Jawhari [the two Izzadin terrorists killed in Jerusalem Sunday night]," the youth said. Senior Palestinian Police officials in Gaza asked that they not be pressured to make a statement in response to the kidnapping. "Our job is to investigate, not make statements," said a senior officer in the bureau of police chief Gen. Naser Youssef. "Give us a chance to do something. If we catch the people responsible then we will make a statement."

Nahshon Wachman last seen on Sunday afternoon. He had set out in uniform from his army base near Tel Aviv that day, carrying his M-16 and a bag with civilian clothes. He was dropped by a friend at the Bnei Atarot junction, near Ben-Gurion Airport. From there, he apparently planned to hitch a ride to Lod to visit his girlfriend, after which he was supposed to come home.

At around 2 a.m. Monday morning, having seen no sign of their son, the Wachmans called the girlfriend's home. Wachman said there was no answer at her home, so they called the army.

An organized search for Nahshon, focusing on the Bnei Atarot junction, did not start until this morning.

Last night, the search was called off. A senior police officer said last night that police were waiting for government instructions regarding what to do next.

Wachman's mother Esther told *The Jerusalem Post* last night she wants the government to do everything in its power to secure her son's release.

"I just want my son back," she said in tears. "Today we heard that Rabin and Arafat had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. I don't see how they can smile when a child in uniform can be grabbed by a terrorist in the center of Israel and held by them."

Mrs. Wachman, who came here from the US 25 years ago, complained bitterly that no government or army representative (Continued on Page 2)

Pentagon reports partial Iraqi pull-back

WASHINGTON (AP) - Carefully watching an Iraqi troop pull-back, the United States yesterday suggested imposing a wide off-limits zone on Saddam Hussein's forces near the Kuwaiti border. The administration said Baghdad must "stop being the bully in the neighborhood."

Five days after the crisis began, the Pentagon said some Iraqi units had moved away from their combat positions toward rail stations for loading onto trains.

"There's a fairly broad movement" among the 80,000 Iraqis assembled at the Kuwaiti border, Gen. John Shalikashvili said at the Pentagon.

President Clinton was cautiously optimistic that Iraq was pulling back from the brink of a military showdown.

"I'm hopeful," Clinton said. "It's a little early yet to reach a final conclusion. We're watching it very closely."

Despite signs of a pullback, Shalikashvili said that "considerable units" of Iraqi forces were still in place near Kuwait and that it was uncertain how far back the retreating troops were moving.

"I'm not at all prepared to say the crisis is over in any way," said Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

American forces continued to rush to the Persian Gulf, with 19,000 troops in place and 44,500 more in various stages of deployment. An additional 156,000 troops were on alert but had not received orders to move.

Despite the promised pullback, the United States and its allies appeared determined to prevent Saddam from triggering another crisis at will.

One idea being discussed with allies called for the UN Security Council to declare a wide off-limits zone for Iraqi forces around the Kuwaiti border.

"There's a no-fly zone now [in southern Iraq] but we are looking at ways to kind of move them back and make sure that they stay behind a certain area so that we are not faced with this kind of thing again," said Madeleine Albright, the US ambassador to the United Nations.

Another proposal was to require Iraq to sell \$1.6 billion worth of oil and use the proceeds to feed and otherwise assist the Iraqi people.

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Rabin, Arafat said chosen for Nobel Prize

PARIS (Reuters) - The Nobel committee will announce on Friday that this year's peace prize will go to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat for their landmark peace accord, a source familiar with the deliberations said.

But the source told Reuters yesterday that the decision had caused a crisis in the committee, and one member said he would step down, to protest the prize being awarded to Arafat.

"I can confirm the prize went to Rabin and Arafat," said the source, who declined to be identified.

"There was a meeting last Friday and I heard there was a crisis. Committee member Kaare Kristiansen is so against it that he has said he will step down," the source said.

Rabin refused to comment on the reports.

The Norwegian daily *Aftenposten* had reported earlier yesterday that the prize had gone to Rabin and Arafat for their agreements on mutual recognition and interim Palestinian self-rule, and that the decision had caused a row in the five-member committee.

The paper said he would step down because he considered Arafat a terrorist.

Kaare Kristiansen has throughout his political life been one of the most uncompromising

Junior officers guilty in Tze'elim-2

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE two Tze'elim-2 defendants, Maj. K and Capt. A., were yesterday found guilty of negligence in the deaths of five soldiers in the 1992 training accident.

However, the Jaffa Military Court adopted the ruling of Judge Advocate-General Brig.-Gen. Ilan Schiff, who determined that Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy and Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine were not legally responsible for the mishap.

"We received no evidence of any negligence on the part of Saguy which would point to his liability for the accident," the judges said in their decision.

They ruled that, other than the accused, no others were liable for the training accident, in which a missile was misfired, killing five soldiers and wounding six.

Regarding the defendants, the judges said: "These are officers who have a heavy daily responsibility, a responsibility which is as great as that of officers of higher rank. These officers are both courageous and talented."

However, the judges said they could not find criminal responsibility among more senior officers.

In their 77-page ruling, the judges also related to Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak's decision to appoint Levine to direct the operation, despite the fact he was not the commander of the unit. "This decision created a situation in which the control mechanism and coordination differed from that of the command structure," they wrote.

One of the judges, writing a minority opinion, said Barak should have set a formal and obligatory definition of the chain of command. However, most of the judges did not find any fault on the part of Barak.

The dissenting judge also did not find any direct or indirect connection between the decision-making process and the accident.

The court determined that the defendants had made critical errors in marking the target and that their planning and operation was deficient "in several simple, but critical aspects." The accident would not have occurred if the planning had been correct, the court ruled.

Families disappointed, Page 2

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Kalashnikov in terror incident was registered with Palestinian Police

ONE of the Kalashnikov assault rifles used in the attack in downtown Jerusalem Sunday night belongs to the Palestinian Police, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reportedly told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

In a briefing for reporters after the meeting, a participant cited Rabin as saying Israel knows that the Kalashnikov used by Issam Jawhari originally belonged to the Palestinian Police. When Palestinian troops entered Gaza and Jericho this summer, they were required to register their weapons with the Israeli authorities.

However, the prime minister said he did not know if Jawhari's assault rifle was stolen from the Palestinian

Police or had been provided to him by them.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal told the Knesset Interior Committee that investigators have yet to determine whether Jawhari had served in the Palestinian Police.

Interior Committee Chairman Yehoshua Matza (Likud) charged that Shahal failed to "put together 1 and 1," and admit that if the weapon was from the Palestinian Police force then Jawhari must have been a Palestinian policeman.

Shahal rejected Matza's conclusion, saying if it was known that Jawhari was a Palestinian policeman

he would not withhold that fact from the public.

Jawhari entered Gaza from Egypt on a one-month tourist visa this July. Also yesterday, Jerusalem police said it appeared, although it was not certain, the two victims of the attack were not killed by friendly fire.

The police spokesman said that it would never be known for certain who killed them, because the families of both victims asked that autopsies not be performed. Police also did not insist on autopsies, he added.

The spokesman said checks carried out by doctors on the two bodies indicated they were killed by bullets

shot from the Kalashnikovs used by the terrorists.

One of the victims, Samir Mugrabi, 35, from Kafr Akab in northern Jerusalem is to be buried this afternoon. Ma'ayan Levy, 19, of Moshav Beit Zayit, an off-duty soldier also killed in the attack, was buried Monday.

Meanwhile, Shahal and Mayor Ehud Olmert agreed yesterday to form a joint municipality-police committee to recommend measures to improve security in the capital.

The two toured attack-prone spots in Jerusalem with senior city and police officials, and afterwards held a meeting to discuss the security situation in the aftermath of the attack.

Israel suspends talks in Cairo

ISRAEL suspended talks with the PLO in Cairo yesterday over Palestinian elections following Nahshon Wachsmann's kidnapping by Hamas, Israel Radio said.

Neither Israeli nor PLO officials were immediately available for comment on the report.

Earlier, the Israeli and Palestinian negotiators took a break from the talks after their morning session in order to hold separate meetings with their own delegations.

The decision was made at the Palestinians' request after a private meeting between delegation heads Maj.-Gen. Danny Rothchild and Saeb Erekat, Israel's spokeswoman said.

The Israeli delegation pointed out that, contrary to Monday's report, no agreement has yet been reached on Israel's proposal for an Israeli-Palestinian joint election supervision committee, except an agreement to discuss it.

Palestinian delegates said they did not want Israeli supervision of their elections and they did not think now was the time to discuss the issue,

JON IMMANUEL

delegate Hassan Asfour told *The Jerusalem Post* by telephone from Cairo.

"I think this is a mechanism and can be dealt with after the central issues are settled. We are not against agreed supervision. But the Israelis were proposing a joint committee, a central committee," he said. The main issue was the size and authority of the elected council.

Since the talks began last week Israel has been more interested in talking about the technical issues of how to organize the voting lists, while the Palestinians have tried to steer the talks to the core issues such as the status of Jerusalem, the council and the redeployment of Israeli troops.

On Monday, Rothchild pointed out that last week's reports of Israel's objections to participation by Palestinian parties opposed to the autonomy accords were not correct.

Rothchild clarified that Israel objected only to "racist propaganda,"

"calls for Israel's destruction" and "engaging in terrorism." On this basis Israel could claim that it is demanding no more than it does of its own political parties, since racism and terrorism are outlawed, he said.

Asfour said this was still interference, since "there are no racist Palestinian parties," but Palestinians regarded a legal Israeli party like Moledet as racist because it advocated "voluntary transfer" of Palestinians.

Asfour said the Palestinians were also insisting that their police be deployed in the population centers before elections take place to ensure security and public order during the process. This should occur even before the terms of the IDF's redeployment have been worked out, he said.

After the elections, the Palestinians want to work with the Israelis to decide on a redeployment plan, he said. "This will be the most important issue of all because it is the beginning of the implementation of the autonomy in the West Bank."

Lamia Lahoud contributed to this report

Rabin: Damascus pledges quiet on northern border after peace accord

SYRIA has promised Israel it would organize an Israel-Lebanon peace — including a quiet northern border — once Jerusalem concludes a deal with Damascus, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reportedly told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

At a briefing for reporters after the meeting, a participant quoted Rabin as saying, "The Syrians told us: 'If you reach agreement with us, we'll take care of an agreement with Lebanon and end the terror' in southern Lebanon. However, Rabin insisted that all negotiations with Syria are purely bilateral and do not touch on Lebanon.

In an interview with Channel One last week, Syrian Foreign Minister

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

Farouk Shara made clear that he believes a Lebanon-Israel peace would follow an Israel-Syria peace.

However, Rabin was less explicit when asked yesterday if Syria would expel 10 Palestinian rejectionist groups based in Damascus as part of any peace deal with Israel.

Rabin refused to comment when repeatedly pressed by parliamentarians to confirm or deny the authenticity of an IDF map published last week. The map was reportedly used last spring to recommend withdrawal from most of the Golan plateau, including most settlements, in return for peace.

Rabin claimed, however, that there has been "no discussion" with Syria on security arrangements in any Golan deal. The statement seemed incredulous, since Secretary of State Warren Christopher — who has been shuttling messages between Rabin and Syrian President Hafez Assad — has always said during his visits here that his discussions with Rabin include all aspects of an Israeli-Syrian peace, including security arrangements.

Christopher said yesterday in Damascus that Israeli-Syrian peace talks are moving in the right direction and a comprehensive peace could be

achieved.

Speaking after almost four hours of talks with Assad, Christopher also said Assad had expressed firm support for Washington's stance in the crisis over the Iraqi troop buildup on the Kuwaiti border.

The secretary of state told reporters in the most optimistic assessment so far of his current Middle East tour: "I believe we're moving in the right direction."

"I think the parties are determined to try to seek comprehensive peace and that there is hope that that can be achieved," said Christopher, who later flew on to Amman.

But he added that gaps remain in the dispute over terms for an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.



Release of culture to mark Arad's activity

Gur says gov't has 'no red lines' in its negotiations with Syria

The government has no "red lines" in negotiations with the Syrians regarding the Golan Heights, Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur declared last night.

Gur said he was opposed in principle to setting any red lines, especially since those who had done so in the past had been unable to adhere to them.

He made the comments during a meeting with scores of Golan residents at Moshav Givat Yoav on the heights.

Gur stressed, however, that the talks with the Syrians were still deadlocked, and reports of various deals were pure speculation, because nothing had been agreed.

He maintained that the government could break its promises if it came to the conclusion that circumstances had changed. The late prime ministers David Ben-Gurion and Menachem Begin had done the same, he said.

Gur noted, however, that the government would have a serious problem if an agreement reached in principle was put to the public in the form

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of a referendum and was approved by only a small majority.

He declined to say what he meant by a small majority.

Gur's comments brought sharp reactions from participants at the meeting who reiterated their intention to continue and intensify their battle to keep the Golan under Israeli rule.

"If Gur is the government's 'aspirin politician,' who is supposed to make everybody feel good, he didn't do a very good job because we all left the meeting with an headache," said Marla Van Meter, a resident of Kibbutz Afik on the southern reaches of the Golan.

"The fear and uncertainty still exists and with just cause. All the Golan residents and all our supporters are going to need a lot of stamina to try and turn this government around and back on the track of protecting Zionist values, as well as the security of the country and the future of its residents," said Van Meter, who is a member of Golan Residents

Committee.

Meanwhile, the residents committee yesterday called for an urgent meeting with US Secretary of State Warren Christopher during his present round of shuttle diplomacy in the region.

The call for a meeting was contained in a letter sent by the residents committee to Christopher via the US Embassy in Tel Aviv. The letter reads:

"We are writing to you for the fifth time to request the opportunity to speak to you while you are here in Israel. Our campaign to keep the Golan Heights as a sovereign part of Israel has wide public support and broad-based political support.

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UN told of eviction of Lebanese villagers

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

LEBANESE government officials yesterday accused Israel of undermining the peace process by evicting 26 Moslem residents from their homes in a village inside the security zone, and expelling them from the area.

By last night no reaction was available from either SLA or official military sources about the expulsion of the Huneh residents.

Meanwhile, there were two separate attacks yesterday on SLA positions in the Almans and Shomriya areas.

Elderly TA man found murdered

RAINE MARCUS

AN 88-year-old man was found murdered in the bedroom of his Tel Aviv apartment last night, police said.

Elihu Holtzman's grandson discovered his body when he went to visit him. The victim had apparently been suffocated by a plastic bag, with his hands tied behind his back, police said.

A preliminary investigation revealed no signs of forced entry or of Holtzman struggling with his assailant.

The apartment was not in a state of disarray and apparently nothing had been stolen, police said.

Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Gaby Last said there was no indication the murder was nationally motivated, but police were investigating all possible motives.

Neighbor Drora Zichroni said Holtzman owned a metal workshop in the city and employed Arab laborers from the territories.

Shlomo Cohen, father of Arik, one of the soldiers killed in the Tze'elim-2 mishap, is consoled by a friend yesterday after hearing the verdict in the case. (Aloa Ron/Israel Sam)

Tze'elim verdict disappoints bereaved

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE families of the Tze'elim-2 victims expressed frustration that, even after yesterday's verdict, no one — neither junior nor senior officers — willingly took responsibility for the disaster.

Shlomo Cohen, father of Arik, said those who approved the exercise should be accountable. "I see those who approved the exercise as responsible," he said. "The senior commanders gave approval for Maj. K and Capt. A to fire the missile."

"Whoever approved the exercise should take off his uniform," Cohen added.

Asked about the fate of Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, who commanded the drill, Cohen said: "I hope Levine won't be appointed OC Northern Command."

Sami Wakselbaum, father of Eran, agreed.

"The [verdict] was expected. However, to my shock those truly responsible for the accident have not been found. We did not see them on the defendant's stand. We did not see a single senior officer take responsibility," said Wakselbaum.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak and his deputy, Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak, were among the senior officers who attended the exercise.

There is a matter of command responsibility, and Barak must take appropriate measures, Wakselbaum added.

He also noted that the commander of the unit had not taken responsibility for the accident, as had the commander whose unit lost two soldiers to dehydration on a navigation exercise in the Negev.

However, Shmuel Shilo, father of Elad Shilo, said he was satisfied with the verdict, noting that the two officers who were punished were the ones who aimed and fired the missile. He also said he accepted the verdict regarding the senior officers at the command headquarters.

Shilo and the other families agreed that the trial had dragged on for too long. "It's a pity that the two officers involved did not take responsibility immediately after the disaster," said Shilo. Instead, he said, all those connected to the incident "had to suffer through two years of torment."

Wakselbaum said the families would study the ruling and then pass it on to their lawyers.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The weekly meeting of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place at 1:00 p.m. today at the YMCA, King David St. R. Geert Colson-Steward will speak on *Twelve Years of Encounter in Jerusalem with Living Judaism*.

Two dead on roads

TWO people were killed in separate accidents yesterday. Pinhas Nir, 23, was killed yesterday afternoon when he was hit by a car while riding his motorcycle in Herzliya. The driver of the car suffered moderate injuries.

A 15-year-old Or Yehuda boy suffered fatal injuries when the car in which he was riding overturned

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had informed them of the kidnapping. She said they learned of it from an Israel Television reporter.

The Wachsmans have seven sons.

"My faith is not in Rabin, not in Arafat, and not in Hamas," Esther Wachsmann told *Mabat* last night, after watching the Hamas video recording. "I am praying to the One who runs the world, for them to do the right thing, so that this whole thing has a happy ending."

Seventeen soldiers have been kidnapped and killed in the last 21 years, most of them hitchhiking.

The most recent incident occurred in July, when Arye Frankenthal was kidnapped and killed after leaving his base in the South.

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Palestinian businessmen network in US

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

FIFTEEN Palestinian businessmen yesterday launched a two-week visit here to network with US corporate leaders.

An afternoon seminar at the Commerce Department brought the group together with US government officials and corporate leaders to brainstorm on business ventures in the territories, including operating US franchises.

"I want to see us instrumental in creating real economic opportunity. It's going to take agencies of the federal government linking arms and moving ahead with a common vision and a common purpose," Commerce Secretary Ron Brown told the group.

The delegation's visit is being sponsored by the US Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), a US agency that offers loan guarantees to US companies wishing to invest abroad; and Builders for Peace, an organization of Jewish and Arab-American entrepreneurs wanting to invest in the Palestinian autonomous areas.

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Bosnian Serbs threaten to evict UN troops

Last 21 Moslems expelled from village east of Sarajevo

SABINA COSIC
SARAJEVO

BOSNIAN Serbs threatened yesterday to evict UN troops from their territory in a challenge which could cripple the sorely needed United Nations aid and peacekeeping operations in Bosnia.

Bosnian Serb President Radovan Karadzic made the threat to the Belgrade daily *Borba* following a chill in relations with the UN since a NATO air strike, a Moslem attack which left 20 Serbs dead and the imposition of a Yugoslav military embargo.

"The move would cripple UN aid and peacekeeping operations in support of Moslem communities surrounded in the 70 per cent of Bosnian territory under Serb military control."

Karadzic, under international pressure as a result of the Serbs' rejection of a Big Power peace plan, accused the UN and its peacekeeping force in Bosnia of a pro-Moslem bias.

"We are now even firmer in our conviction that UNPROFOR must leave. It has protected the Moslems from total defeat. Our highest forums will soon hold a session at which the final decision will be taken on an eventual withdrawal."

The Bosnian Serb threat could turn the current turmoil in UN aid activities into a catastrophe with winter closing in on besieged Moslem communities by halting all road convoys.

It would provoke a confrontation with the UN over the enforcement of the peacekeepers' mandate to protect Moslem safe havens which

the Serbs have besieged throughout the 30-month war in the former Yugoslav republic.

UN sources said Karadzic could be restrained from a total ban on UNPROFOR by the need for UN help to feed his own civilians.

The Bosnian Serbs are virtually friendless since Serbian President Slobodan cut off supplies of fuel, weapons and ammunition when they spurned the peace plan.

But they are still the military masters in Bosnia and the UN does not tackle them head on.

Serbs also blamed the UN for the commando raid by Moslems near the Sarajevo demilitarized zone in which 16 soldiers and four women nurses were killed last week.

In further defiance of the world, the Serbs also expelled the last 21 Moslems from a village east of Sarajevo, continuing a program of "ethnic cleansing" condemned by the international community and explicitly by the UN Security Council.

The Moslems from the village of Borati, near the town of Rogatica, were forced out of their homes at short notice on Monday evening, about 60 kilometers to Sarajevo and ordered to cross the "Bridge of Brotherhood and Unity" into the Bosnian government sector of the city.

"We believe that in that village there are no more Moslems," said Kris Janowski, spokesman in Sarajevo for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.



Workers restore the house of exiled Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in Port-au-Prince yesterday. The house was ransacked after he was deposed in 1991. (Reuters)

US: Haitian leaders to go into exile in Panama; Aristide returning Saturday

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's former military ruler and his right-hand man will be heading together into exile, a US Embassy spokesman said yesterday. Haitian military sources said a likely destination was Panama.

Ministers loyal to exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, meanwhile, prepared to take charge of their offices yesterday now that the military ruler, Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras, has resigned and promised to leave the country.

Shipments of gas and diesel oil were on their way to Haiti, meanwhile, the first sent by international oil companies since

December. The world's trade embargo on Haiti ends after Aristide's homecoming, scheduled for Saturday.

Cedras' resignation Monday cleared "the field for the real work of reconciliation," said Aristide spokesman Jean-Claude Martineau.

Aristide supporters also demanded the resignation of President Emile Jonassaint, installed by the army in May.

"We can now roll up our sleeves and begin to rebuild democracy in the spirit of reconciliation," Aristide's commerce

minister, Louis Dejoie II, said in an interview.

With Cedras' resignation, Haiti's military met the terms of the agreement former President Carter concluded last month as US warplanes were in the air, ready to launch an invasion.

Cedras is about to go into exile; so too is Brig. Gen. Philippe Biamby, who resigned Saturday. Port-au-Prince police chief Michel Francois, architect of the September 1991 coup that overthrew Aristide, fled last week to the neighboring Dominican Republic.

The agreement did not require

the coup leaders to leave Haiti, but the United States has been urging them to do so. US Embassy spokesman Stanley Schrager said yesterday that Cedras and Biamby would be leaving Haiti together, but he said he did not know when or to where.

Haitian military sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said negotiations were under way for Cedras and Biamby to go to Panama. The new Panamanian government is seen as eager to please Washington in helping resolve the Haitian crisis.

On Monday, Venezuela said it would not let Cedras in.

Twelve die in Pakistan strike unrest

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) — Twelve people were killed, over 30 wounded and hundreds arrested in Pakistan yesterday in unrest provoked by a partly-observed opposition strike aimed at toppling Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, officials said.

Both sides claimed victory in what was the latest round of a bitter trial of strength between Bhutto and opposition leader Nawaz Sharif, who accuse each other of being corrupt, incompetent and dangerous to the national interest.

Sharif said the stoppage had been a success. "The government has reacted madly, it has lost its senses," he told Reuters at his Lahore home, which was ringed by hundreds of police. "They have arrested thousands of our people."

But a government spokesman said the strike mounted by Sharif's Pakistan Moslem League (PML) had little impact.

"If the objective was to bring everything to a halt and bring down the government, that has failed," Information Secretary Hussein Haqqani said. "If the objective was a massive show of public support, that has failed too."

Supporters of Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) riding on top of a bus were swept off as it drove under a bridge in Lahore during an anti-PML procession. Five died on the spot and two in hospital, police said. Several were injured.

In Gujranwala, about 80 kilometers north of Lahore, PML protesters stoned police from a rooftop. Officials said two fell to their deaths after police retaliated with tear gas.

Police said opposition supporters fired on a bus in the town of Charsaddah, 30 kilometers northwest of Peshawar, killing a man and a woman and wounding nine other passengers.

Lamont stuns Conservative conference with Europe remarks

BOURNEMOUTH, England (Reuters) — Bitter divisions within Britain's ruling Conservative Party burst into the open yesterday with a fierce onslaught by right-wingers on Prime Minister John Major's policy towards Europe.

Norman Lamont, sacked as chancellor in May 1993, stunned conservatives on the first day of their annual conference by saying

Britain was losing the fight against closer integration and might one day have to pull out of the European Union.

Lamont's attack capped a fraught day for Major whose party, in power since 1979, is stuck more than 20 points behind a revived Labor party in opinion polls.

The four-day gathering began under a cloud of allegations of in-

fluence-peddling leveled against Margaret Thatcher's son, Mark, in connection with a huge arms deal his mother signed with Saudi Arabia when she was prime minister in the mid-1980s.

Lady Thatcher, upset by the controversy, looked pale and drawn when she took her place on the podium to muted applause

from delegates who once cheered her every word to the rafters.

Party Chairman Jeremy Hanley tried to rally the troops but his speech, promising a political revival that would sweep the Conservatives to a fifth consecutive election victory, was worthy rather than inspiring.

But it was Lamont, unreserved-

ly bitter towards Major ever since his sacking, who provided the main talking point.

With momentum gathering for a single European currency that could lead to a European super-state, Lamont told a meeting on the fringe of the conference that anti-federalist Britain was on a collision course with its partners.

Cult leaders' deaths swing focus on Jouret

GENEVA (Reuters) — The international murder hunt for cult guru Luc Jouret intensified yesterday after confirmation that another leading figure in the Order of the Solar Temple was among 48 sect members who died in Switzerland last week.

The Fribourg judge leading the inquiry into 23 deaths at a farmhouse in Cheiry announced that Camille Pilet, the sect's presumed treasurer, had been formally identified among the dead. Pilet, a suave 68-year-old bachelor born near Neuchatel who owned homes in Switzerland and luxury apartments in Monte Carlo, was believed to have been the Order's third-in-command. In 1991, he retired as sales director of a leading Swiss watch company.

In a statement, judge Andre Piller also said that a .22 long-barreled pistol with a silencer found in the village of Granges-sur-Salvan was "the weapon or one of the weapons" used on 20 of the Cheiry victims.

The news means that of the sect's three known leaders only Belgian-born Jouret, the charismatic homeopath who has an international arrest warrant out in his name for murder and arson, is still missing.

Police said on Monday that Joseph Di Mambro, a 70-year-old French-Canadian and presumed

"pope" of the Order, was among 25 who died in the Alpine hamlet of Granges.

Pilet used his credit card to pay for a dinner for nine cult members near Montreux on the Friday night before the tragedy, according to police and the restaurant owner.

Piller also said that 23 aluminum sachets had been found in a dust bin in the basement of the Cheiry farmhouse. Twenty-one of them were empty but two contained a "powder which has not yet been identified."

The judge said last week that there was evidence that the Cheiry victims had been administered a powerful drug before their deaths, although he was forced to retract a statement that all had borne injection marks.

Meanwhile, the blood-red temple in the Cheiry farmhouse in which all but one of the 23 corpses were found, was officially put to the torch.

Rescue workers who discovered the corpses at Cheiry also found an incendiary device attached to the telephone which should have destroyed the temple and the rooms around it.

That device failed, but yesterday — just six days later — police ripped out the temple and its pseudo-religious artifacts and incinerated them in the grounds of the house.

Nobel prize for economics awarded for game theory

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) — Two Americans and a German won the 1994 Nobel Economics Prize yesterday for developing a wide-ranging economic theory based on games like chess or poker.

Game theory and the refinements polished by this year's winners can be used by central banks to set credible monetary policy, by politicians to choose platforms to garner votes or by biologists to understand animal behavior.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded Americans John Harsanyi and John Nash and German Reinhard Selten the prestigious prize worth seven million crowns (almost \$1 million) for re-

fining game theory, discovered 50 years ago.

"You understand much better why people make certain decisions in certain situations. It makes it easier to understand a lot of strategic situations," said Selten, 64, who teaches economics at the University of Bonn.

Asked what he would do with his share of the prize money, he said there had been no time to make plans. "But as an economist I know how to handle money," he quipped.

Retired economics professor Harsanyi, born in Hungary but now a US citizen, told Reuters by telephone from his home in

Berkeley, California, that the award marked the first official recognition of game theory by the Nobel committee.

Game theory is the opposite of old-fashioned mathematics, which assumes there are such a large number of factors in the decision-making process that each of them can disregard the reactions of others.

Four out of five 1994 winners so far have been Americans, confirming a growing trend of Nobel prizes being awarded to the United States. Twenty-three of 37 economics prize winners have been Americans since it was first awarded in 1969.

Austrian conservatives reject deal with far right

VIENNA (Reuters) — Austria's conservative People's Party quickly rejected an offer from far-right leader Jörg Haider yesterday to help it form a minority government.

People's Party leader Erhard Busek, asserting his authority in the face of an apparent split in People's Party ranks, said an alliance with Haider was not on the cards.

"Haider's offer has no attraction for us, it is mere scheming," Busek told reporters after a crucial meeting of his party executive.

"In today's meeting Haider was not a subject for anybody," he added.

Busek resigned as vice-chancellor of Austria yesterday along with the rest of the Social Democratic People's Party coalition government of Chancellor Franz Vranitzky.

The cabinet was immediately sworn in again by President Thomas Klestil as a caretaker administration pending consultations on a new government.

In a newspaper interview published yesterday that Germany's schools needed to redouble efforts to educate young people on the dangers of extremism and xenophobia.

His warning came as police in Potsdam reported that a band of skinheads threw a 34-year-old woman out of a tram after she had come to the aid of an elderly woman as they were threatening with a knife.

It also coincided with prosecutors in Frankfurt charging far-right leader Guenter Deckert with inciting racial hatred for telling a German Jewish leader to leave the country.

Prime Minister Israel's envoy to Bonn, said in an interview with the *Berliner Morgenpost* newspaper that he was concerned about opinion polls showing about one in four Germans harbored some positive sentiment toward the Nazis.

"Right-wing extremism... has roots not only with old Nazis but unfortunately among a number of youths as well," he said, adding the surveys meant that right-wing extremism was not a "temporary

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The ignoble Nobel

It cannot be easy to forecast the judgment of history, but that is precisely what the Nobel Peace Prize committee must try to do. The prize is awarded to those who ostensibly contribute to peace in the world. And since Alfred Nobel himself, the inventor of dynamite, viewed the promotion of peace as a cause second to none, it must make its decisions with meticulous care and after the most comprehensive deliberations.

What makes the selection difficult is that the prize is supposed to reward not only effort, but results. The loftiest intentions and the most noble endeavors are meaningless if they prove futile. In fact, even seemingly impressive results cannot be rewarded if they turn sour. No one was more identified with the pursuit of peace than Britain's prime minister Neville Chamberlain. On September 30, 1938, almost exactly 56 years ago, he signed the Munich agreement with Hitler and seemed like the person who was most instrumental in preventing war in Europe. He was a natural candidate for the Nobel. Only Hitler's betrayal of the Munich pact turned him from a peace hero into a symbol of failed appeasement.

Indeed, in 1939 and through the World War II years, the committee gave no prize at all. There were other years, too, in which it found no deserving candidates. And considering that it started awarding the prize in 1901, its record is decidedly mixed. The list includes not only such deserving luminaries as Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, George Marshall, Martin Luther King, Henry Kissinger, Andrei Sakharov, Menachem Begin, Anwar Sadat, Lech Walesa, and Elie Wiesel, but a large number of nonentities who at best can be described as people of good intentions.

Yet in all the 93 years since the prize was first awarded, it is difficult to find anyone like Yasser Arafat. The closest may be Le Duc Tho, the North Vietnamese leader who shared the prize with Kissinger for negotiating an end to the Vietnam War. Tho, who refused the prize, represented a ruthless, totalitarian regime which, not unlike the PLO, was glorified by leftists and ultra-liberals in the West.

Western governments and media, particularly in the Scandinavian countries, endorsed the choice. Committing a crime against history and truth duplicated only in their later treatment of Israel, they depicted the Vietnamese Communists as freedom fighters resisting American imperialist oppression.

That a totalitarian like Tho could be chosen was not only an insult to common sense. It made a mockery of the Nobel committee's effort to anticipate history's judgment. The Vietnamese regime not only promptly trampled the peace treaty underfoot, it caused the death and exile of millions.

Now, by planning to give this year's award to Arafat, the committee is compounding its past mistake. In the committee's view, Arafat may be a leader of an oppressed people, a freedom fighter who had no choice but to resort to terrorist tactics while fighting for his nation's independence. With Orwellian cynicism he is compared to Begin, another prize recipient, who was also called a terrorist.

What the committee seems to ignore is that Arafat is not only a terrorist who still encourages and abets terrorism. He is one of the few national leaders who have committed unspeakable brutalities for their own sake. Arafat and his lieutenants have specifically ordered the murder of children, the murder of hostages who had nothing to do with their cause, the murder of an old man in a wheelchair on a cruise ship, the wholesale killings of men, women, and children.

To find a record equal to Arafat's one would have to examine histories of dictators like Saddam Hussein and Hafez Assad. He not only symbolizes terrorism; he has been the host and supporter of virtually every terrorist group in the world: from the indiscriminate killers of the Japanese Red Army, to the twisted murderers of the Baader-Meinhof gangs, to the various "revolutionary" outthroats of Asia and Latin America.

Among his many distinctions is that he has never kept an agreement. Some have calculated that the number of pacts he has broken exceeds 200. Nor has he made an exception of the Oslo Declaration of Principles, for which he is getting the coveted Nobel. He has done nothing either to renounce or to denounce terrorism - let alone combat it - and he has not changed the PLO covenant, nor does he appear to have any intention of doing so.

The Nobel Prize is known as Western civilization's highest award. It is sad indeed to note that within eight years it has gone from Wiesel to Arafat; and that only 19 years after it honored one of the century's most exalted men, Andrei Sakharov, it wishes to lionize a person dedicated to a charter which calls for the destruction of the Jewish state.



About Adams & Arafat

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

In London recently, I had occasion to watch a number of TV broadcasts on the recent visit to the US by Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA's political wing, Sinn Féin.

What struck me was the British reaction both to that visit and to the unilateral IRA cease-fire which preceded it. Statements from Conservative spokesmen sounded a lot like what some of our right-wingers have been saying about Yasser Arafat and the PLO.

Asked to comment on Adams's PR initiative, one Conservative MP replied that the proper British response ought to be to emphasize IRA atrocities and the blood on Adams's hands.

To this spokesman, the issue wasn't whether what Adams was doing could serve as the basis for a lasting peace in Northern Ireland, but his record as leader of an organization which has used terror as a means to try and achieve its goals, and might in future revert to such means.

But surely this is the real question: Is permanent peace possible between Britain and the Catholics of Northern Ireland? And, in our part of the world, is permanent peace possible between Israel and the Palestinians? Surely the pasts of Adams and Arafat and the past policies of Britain and Israel are less important than whether each man is capable of contributing to permanent stability?

ONLY HISTORY will provide the answer. But, as things stand, and judging primarily by what the two men are saying, Arafat seems the more likely to deliver. That isn't because he's more reasonable

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

than Adams, but because the historical context within which he is operating is more favorable to his cause. So is the demographic reality.

Arafat represents a people which constitutes a majority in the territory to which it lays claim, while Adams represents a minority in Northern Ireland, one that is even smaller than the Arab minority within the State of Israel proper.

The question isn't whether the two leaders have renounced violence, but whether their goals have changed

Were Israel's occupation of the territories to continue for as long as the British occupation of Northern Ireland, and were Jewish settlement activity there to intensify, Arafat's situation would become comparable to Adams's.

The main question with Arafat is whether, once he achieves what he says he desires - Israel's complete withdrawal from the territories - he will work toward peaceful coexistence with Israel.

Adams, on the other hand, is demanding that a minority's wishes be taken into account. But, to an outsider, his statements in the

US weren't very clear on what this minority really wants.

If it wants to prevail over the Protestant majority and bring about the reunification of Ireland, that cannot constitute the basis for peaceful coexistence with Britain.

One might argue that in the case of France and Algeria, peaceful coexistence became possible once France agreed to withdraw, and over a million Frenchmen living in Algeria were repatriated to France. But the *plebs-noirs* were a minority in Algeria, and the Protestants are a majority in Northern Ireland, which is what makes all the difference.

The real question isn't whether Adams (or Arafat) has renounced violence, but whether his goals have changed. In other words, can the IRA begin pursuing aims that are achievable without violence because a majority in Northern Ireland is willing to accept them? Of course, Britain would have to go along with those aims too.

In the case of Israel and the Palestinians, the questions are somewhat different. Are most Palestinians willing to accept the concept of coexistence with Israel and take action against opponents of coexistence who are prepared to continue using violence to achieve their ends? And are most Israelis willing to give up control of Judea, Samaria and Gaza in return for peace with the Palestinians?

None of these questions can be answered by analyzing the terrorist pasts of Adams and Arafat. The answers can only be found in their long-term goals.

The writer is a political commentator.

Driven mad

ESTHER HECHT

I am mad. Hopping mad. Last night thieves got away with my car.

Just about everyone I know here has had a car stolen, so I might have sought comfort in the thought that I was now one of the crowd. But this is the second time in four months that thieves have helped themselves to a car belonging to my family.

Last time, they took my husband's car, which - as a tour guide - he uses for work. During the 45-day waiting period until he was reimbursed by the insurance company and could pay for a replacement, he used mine.

So, for 45 days, I got to work and back, got my young son to and from wherever he had to go, did the shopping, helped look after my mother-in-law, and ran errands as best I could.

I survived, barely. I was used to having the car to help juggle a very long work day and family responsibilities.

So I was glad to have mine back, and I was glad I could lend it to my daughter when she moved apartments, and to my teenage son when he goes out with his friends.

And now I'm carless again, and angry.

Sure, it could be worse. Some of my colleagues can't even afford a car. And some Russian immigrant friends, after five hard years in the country, were finally beginning to see the light and the end of their car payments, when their station wagon was stolen.

But I'm angry just the same.

I WAS angry, too, when burglars got into my house. But then I could blame myself.

We had an old door with a flimsy lock. One kick and the burglars were inside. They grabbed a camera lying on the table and fled.

We got off lucky. And we got a security door.

But we're on the ground floor, with easily accessible sliding windows. Sure there were locks. But a few months later, all it took was

We had two cars. First one got stolen, then the other

a knife, or a screwdriver, and another burglar was inside. That one took a small amount of cash.

So I devised a simple way to keep that window from being opened from the outside. It was a perfect solution. I thought, until yet another burglar discovered that the other window could still be opened, and got away with some more cash, and a watermelon.

I applied the same device to the second window, and for several years now we've had no unwanted visitors in our apartment.

If a burglar were to get in now, after I'd done just about everything reasonable to prevent a break-in, I'd be pretty angry.

Which brings me back to why I'm so angry about the car. The insurance company refused coverage unless I installed an alarm system and a gear lock. I did, and I used them. The car was parked in a well-lit area under the house, sandwiched between a wall and another car.

I did all the right things. I spent many hundreds of shekels to meet the insurance company's requirements - in addition to paying a hefty premium.

And now, not only do I not have a car, but the insurance company will penalize me by making me pay an insurance premium for this year all over again if I replace the stolen one, and hike the premium because my family has had two cars stolen.

And I'll have all the hassle of replacing the car.

Of course I'm angry at the thieves. And at the government, for keeping the cost of spare parts so high that it's worth someone's while to steal cars for parts.

And at the insurance company, for making me buy what turned out to be useless safety devices, and for penalizing me on the premium.

And at insurance companies in general for often encouraging people to buy secondhand spare parts, which, for many models, can be supplied only if cars are stolen.

But most of all, I'm angry at the police for not making a priority of cracking down on car thieves.

As long as the police see their function as providing the insurance company with the necessary paperwork for reimbursement and not patrolling the streets more frequently, I will go on feeling that there is no reasonable way I can hang on to my own property.

F.S. Along with the car, the thieves got a sizable collection of cassette tapes, including lots of Beethoven and Mozart, but also Bulgarian folk songs, Dave Brubeck and Dolly Parton. And, thanks to my teenage son, they also got a cassette by a group called Swamp Terrorists. They deserve it.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SELECTIVE ALIYA

Sir, - As a recent immigrant to Israel, it is with grave concern that I read the words of the current Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, Ora Nami. Though I was well aware that Israelis, for the most part, are not religiously observant, as a Religious Zionist, I felt that most Israelis had a strong sense of being Jewish as well as being aware of the *raison d'être* of the Jewish State. As the debate concerning the peace accords and the withdrawal from various territories rages on, I have become aware that many in the peace camp have displayed more concern for economic possibilities than Jewish traditions or nationalistic aspirations.

This creeping alienation from the values of the early Zionists eerily reminds me of the Holocaust revisionist professors of my college days. As a consequence of Holocaust deniers not being firmly and uniformly condemned, these revisionists have been emboldened and the veracity of the Holocaust has been challenged with greater malice.

To reaffirm Israel's commitment to aliya as the homeland for all Jewish people, Mr. Nami has no choice but to demand Ms. Nami's resignation, and the Labor party as well as all Zionist leaders must resolutely condemn her recommendation.

MOSHE NULMAN

Ra'anana.

ANTI-SMOKING LEGISLATION

Sir, - That the High Court is, as you report on October 4, considering the lack of anti-smoking enforcement at Haifa University is nearly beyond belief. Why the university?

Does anybody else enforce a ban on smoking? The number of restaurants in which smokers are segregated is minuscule; such establishments can be counted on the fingers of one hand, although the law has mandated separation for many years. If the justices (or even the minister of health) visit a restaurant at random, and ask its manager why the law is unobserved, they will be answered with surprise and disbelief: "There is no such law." Small wonder since the ministry has never invested any effort at all in advertisement, let alone enforcement.

If the court really intends that the situation change, the ministry could save the state treasury a mini of money by doing what the legislature intended it to do.

STAN GOODMAN

Kiryat Tivon.

ISLAMIC HATRED

Sir, - I understand that when a resident of the Golan Heights states that all he and his friends are doing is struggling to protect their homes, Prime Minister Rabin asked: "What would you say to a Palestinian who was forced to abandon his home in Jaffa 46 years ago, after he and his forefathers had been living there for 700 years?" (September 26).

If the forced abandonment of the homes of 750,000 Jewish people in Arab countries (many of whose forefathers had lived there for 1,700 years) did not quench the fires of Islamic hatred, why would the sacrifice of 5,000 more homes in the Golan be any different?

Clearly Assad is not interested in acquiring new friends. He is only interested in extorting tribute from America. History shows us (when America paid tribute to the pirates of North Africa) that Islamic countries will keep asking for more and more tribute until America refuses to pay. Then the sacrifice of 5,000 homes on the Golan will have to be followed by the sacrifice of more of Israel's sons.

The fires of Islamic hatred will consume more and more sacrifices until Israel looks the leaders of Islamic countries in the eye and says, "No!"

NORMA ARCHBOLD

Ariel.

ANTI-ISRAELI BIAS

Sir, - Referring to newspaper editors who are biased against Israel, David Bar-Ilan (*Eye on the Media*, September 30) notes that sometimes, if a news story "gets in the way" of the editor's political agenda, "it is simply ignored." An example of this phenomenon may be the American media's treatment of the recent statement by Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's "foreign minister," that Israel "was established through historical force and it must be destroyed."

Of 22 major US daily newspapers surveyed by the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), 14 completely ignored Kaddoumi's statement (including *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *The Wall Street Journal*). Of the eight that mentioned the Kaddoumi controversy at all, six (including *The Washington Post*, *Newsday*, and *The Miami Herald*) only paraphrased his words, instead of quoting them.

Interestingly, several leading newspapers did report about the August 10 Rabin-Arafat press conference at which the Kaddoumi statement was discussed - but those papers did not mention Kaddoumi's statement. (They did, however, mention Arafat's accusation that Israel is violating the Israel-PLO peace accords.) Particularly troubling was the report authored by *Philadelphia Inquirer* correspondent Alan Sipress. He ignored Kaddoumi's statement, but then quoted Rabin saying "Statements that undermine or are against what we are committed to will not be heard by officials of both sides" - without explaining that Rabin was referring to Kaddoumi.

MORTON A. KLEIN, National President, Zionist Organization of America New York.

DEFENDERS OF JERUSALEM AND ISRAEL

Sir, - There were two omissions in Moshe Kohn's excellent column of September 16, "The 'peculiar' people's very special treasure," in which he named several institutions and individuals constantly fighting media distortions of Jerusalem and Israel.

The two names he omitted are David Bar-Ilan and his own. These two great journalists have definitely been influential in correcting the lies and ignorance which permeates even "respectable" newspapers such as *Le Monde* and *The New York Times*.

Please continue in your mission. All of us need you.

JENNY WEIL

Jerusalem.

NORMAN GLASER

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Therapists offer a philosophical dialogue with your life

This treatment is not for all

An unusual kind of counseling, that marries psychology with philosophy, focuses on systems of belief. Sheri Allen reports

"I'm a midwife," says Dr. Ran Lahav, paraphrasing Socrates. "I help people give birth to their understanding of their worldview."

Lahav is a leader in the new field of philosophical counseling, a hybrid of psychological counseling and philosophy. Fewer than 100 people practice it; four of them are here.

The basic idea, Lahav says, is that philosophy can deal with concrete experiences.

But instead of focusing on hidden drives and unconscious symbols, philosophical counseling examines an individual's worldview.

"We all have theories about the world," he says. "We live [them] concretely, usually without articulating them in words. They are 'spoken' through our behaviors, feelings, hopes, fantasies and our entire way of being. And they are complex."

"I help people look at how they interpret the world. I seek to uncover [the counselor's] basic assumptions, questioning them."

WHAT DISTINGUISHES the philosophical approach from psychotherapy is its lack of preconceived psychological notions, Lahav says.

"Philosophical counseling doesn't have any idea or presupposition about how the mind works. I don't have facts about how people ought to live."

Instead, the counselor questions the counselor's practical attitudes toward central life choices.

A successful case is illustrated in Lahav's essay *On the Philosopher's Couch*. A man was troubled for years by his inability to decide between teaching and artistic pursuits. Lahav guided him to the question, "What is, for me, a truthful choice?" and used French philosopher Henri Bergson's definition of being truthful to oneself to redefine the problem.

The man was offered several philosophical approaches he could use to arrive at a definition of his "true self." It was "not a theoretical and abstract understanding, but a concrete one, gained through self-reflection on his actual experiences, and eventually permeating them," Lahav says.

Dr. Lydia Amir, who is also a philosophical counselor, tells of a man who was deeply perplexed by his friendships with people who were doing minor things that skirted the law. He wanted Amir's help in deciding whether or not to continue the friendships.

"[We] uncovered the counselor's conception of the law, social norms, and friendship," she says. By looking at "Aristotle's three different concepts of friendship, he [the counselor] realized there are many kinds of friendships. He solved his problem," by accepting these friends "without torturing himself, for he understood that not every type of association involves adhering to the others' values."

The philosophical methods that helped these counselors gain critical insights, Lahav maintains, lead to an independent understanding unique to the individual. "The dialogue is between the person and the philosophy of his or her life. The problem or pain has a philosophy too. It's always the person's own quest."

Amir concurs. In her experience teaching a yearlong workshop on "Practical Wisdom" at the Popular University, she says her students went through profound personal changes. "They became more tolerant and more inclined to look for their personal happiness inside themselves rather than depending on outside sources."

AMIR, A professor of philosophy at the New School of Media Studies in Tel Aviv's College of Business Administration, has completed a book on the subject, *Personal Redemption: Spinoza or Nietzsche*. She says the approaches of those two philosophers encourage direct application of philosophy to daily living. "They show how philosophy has always been practical. Philosophy is about wisdom. There is nothing more practical than wisdom."

People who would benefit from this approach need to be psychologically healthy enough to do serious self-reflection, but needs no background in philosophy, Lahav says.

The goals are twofold: problem

solving, and self-development.

"We want to help the person overcome the problem or predicament he comes in with. The other goal is to help him understand himself and his world."

Amir points out the need for insight in philosophical terms. "To paraphrase Spinoza," she says, "confusion is the source of suffering, and amending the intellect is the means for a better life."

BORN AS a movement 13 years ago in Germany, philosophical counseling began with the opening of Gerd Achenbach's practice near Cologne in 1981, and was taken up three years later by students at the University of Amsterdam. There are now two associations of philosophical counselors in Germany and Holland, with a total of 255 members, 30 to 40 of whom are active practitioners.

In the US, an Association for Philosophy, Counseling and Psychotherapy has been in existence for two years, with over 100 members. Besides Lahav and Amir, counselors here include Shlomit Schuster and Ora Greengard, Ph.D.

There has been some resistance to philosophical counseling from the establishments of both professional psychology and academic philosophy.

Specifically, some psychologists are, according to Lahav, "worried that philosophers will meddle with issues where professional knowledge is needed."

And some academicians believe that a therapeutic use of philosophical wisdom takes philosophy out of the realm of the abstract, where it belongs.

But some professionals have been supportive of the movement. According to Andrew Brook, Carleton University (Ottawa) Professor of Philosophy and Director of Interdisciplinary Studies, who is also a licensed psychoanalyst, "PC [philosophical counseling] and psychoanalysis are not in competition; there is room and need for them both. For problems based on systems of belief, attitudes toward self, others, life, death, etc., PC may be the treatment of choice. For problems rooted in emotion, desire, fantasy, childhood experience, then it is analysis."

And, Lahav says, he has come across psychologists who recognized the need for a philosophical viewpoint in their own counseling.

"Many [psychologists] felt that there was an area in their practice they were not equipped for. Questions they didn't know how to answer, such as the meaning of life."

Jerusalem clinical psychologist Rachel Blass concurs. "While the meaning of any aspect of one's life can be explored either psychologically or philosophically, the two forms of exploration are not opposed to each other."

Lahav has been conducting a groundbreaking university graduate seminar on the subject since 1993 in the Therapies Program at Haifa University. In July, he brought together more than 100 philosophers and mental-health professionals at the first international conference on philosophical counseling, at the University of British Columbia's Center for Applied Ethics in Vancouver.

He believes philosophical counseling will eventually be accepted in a similar vein as yoga or meditation, which is for healthy people who want to develop themselves.

A recent comparative study at Southern Methodist University in Texas found that philosophical counseling has "a beneficial effect."

There are drawbacks, however, some of which have to do with the discipline's very newness.

Ran Lahav, one of four local practitioners, says there is no official consensus about the background necessary to qualify as a counselor, and practitioners have no professional standards or licensing procedures.

He adds that any person receiving treatment from a philosophical counselor should ask himself: "Does this person really help me give birth to my understanding of life?"

When asked what the qualifications for a philosophical counselor might be, Lahav suggests: "an M.A. in philosophy, preferably a Ph.D., and some kind of background in psychology."

Another caveat is that some potential counselors would be better served by a traditional therapist. Particularly, people who suffer from pathological problems which require medication or regular psychiatric care, such as schizophrenia or manic depression, would not be candidates for this kind of counseling.

Those who would not be helped by philosophical counseling are, according to Lahav, "people who cannot reflect on their lives; people who cannot communicate, who are pathologically driven by psychological forces that need specific treatment."

"Some psychologists are worried that philosophical counselors don't have the skills to diagnose a serious problem. I agree that this is a concern."

Andrew Brook, Carleton University (Ottawa) Professor of Philosophy and Director of Interdisciplinary Studies, who is also a licensed psychoanalyst, says: "It is essential for [psychological counseling] practitioners to work with people trained in the identification of psychiatric illness. Some major psychological disorders can appear to be nothing more than conflicts or distortions of belief and attitude."

Lahav agrees, adding that philosophical counselors "should have some background in psychology to be able to refer cases suspected of pathological problems to a psychiatrist."

But Lahav maintains that for a person suffering from a serious mental illness, the two approaches of psychiatric treatment and philosophical counseling may be complementary. "With a manic depressive, for example, we could work in tandem with [a] therapist." S.A.

'Princess Anastasia' was just a poor, Polish farmer's daughter

IN a quiet corner of Upper Bavaria sits a tranquil cemetery once dedicated to the local nobility. There, among the remains, are the ashes of a woman laid to rest a decade ago beneath a simple gravestone that bears the inscription, "Our heart is united until it rests with you, Lord, a Russian cross, and a name in Russian letters - Anastasia."

After three-quarters of a century of speculation, it was only Wednesday that the memory of the Grand Duchess Anastasia, the youngest daughter of Czar Nicholas II of Russia's ill-fated royal family, was truly put to rest. The woman in the Bavarian grave, who claimed to be the surviving heir to the Romanov throne until her death in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 1984, has been finally, unequivocally revealed as a fraud.

In a fiercely bitter scientific smooch, two separate research teams simultaneously unlocked the key to her identity using DNA tracing. A German team, led by television producer Maurice Philip Remy, used a 43-year-old specimen of blood from the woman, who was known throughout her life as Anna Anderson, a British teen, led by forensic scientist Peter Gill, had a minute sample of her intestines that was preserved in wax.

Their results, presented in London last week, showed Anderson's DNA bore no resemblance to that of the czar and czarina, whose bones were discovered in 1991 with samples of their DNA still intact.

"Perhaps anticipating science," Anderson requested she be cremated," Remy said. "Since the genetic secrets of her body could not be derived from ashes, it seemed as if the mystery would never be solved, but at last we can say that this woman, who was supported by champions throughout her life, was not Anastasia."

Last month, the Russian government reported that after two years of study, scientists had concluded that Anastasia had indeed died in 1918. Her bones were among those of the royal family identified in 1991.

For the princes, dukes, writers and historians who had made Anderson's claims their most treasured cause, the fairy tale is finally over. But her real life, as described this week, was a story as

DNA testing has finally solved the mystery of the woman who claimed for decades she was the Romanov heiress, Rebecca Fowler reports

hospital. For the rest of the world, the story proved irresistible romance: A 14-year-old princess who had escaped such a horrible fate, and re-emerged unharmed and removed from danger.

OF ALL the impostors who have ever stepped into the shoes left by vanished royalty, Anderson was to be one of the most successful.

In Berlin, chocolate boxes bore her portrait and cigarettes were sold under her name. There would be a play, many books and three films, one of which won Ingrid Bergman an Academy Award.

Even in the face of two serious challenges, she stood firm. Baroness Buxhoeveden, a lady-in-waiting to the royal family who had escaped Russia, visited Anderson at the mental hospital and immediately dismissed her assertions. In response, Anderson claimed the baroness had betrayed the royal family and did not wish to be exposed. Then, in 1927, a young Berlin woman told a German newspaper she recognized Anderson as her former roommate, Franziska Schanzkowsky, a Polish farm worker.

Until last week, that was all that was known of the woman who claimed to be a princess. But tests revealed there is only a 1-in-300 chance that Anderson was not Schanzkowsky, a working-class Polish girl.

While the real Anastasia was growing up in the luxury of the imperial Russian Court, learning French and English, Anderson, four years her senior, had determined to break free from the Polish provinces. She went to Berlin, was engaged as World War I was breaking out, and found a job in a munitions factory.

"My auntie Franziska was the cleverest of the four children," Waldtraud Schanzkowsky, a niece, reportedly said. "She didn't want to be buried in a little one-horse town in the depths of Kashubia. She wanted to come out into the world, wanted to become an actress - something special."

But in 1916 her new life fractured. Her fiancé was killed on the Western Front. Soon after, she accidentally let a grenade slip from her hands on the factory line and it exploded, tearing a forearm to pieces before her eyes. Depression overcame Schanzkowsky, and the last sign of life her family re-

ceived from her was a postcard to her favorite brother on his birthday in February 1920.

Shortly afterward, Anastasia would be resurrected.

AMONG HER most ardent followers was Prince Frederick Sachsen-Altenburg, a German aristocrat whose Prussian cousin had compared memories of Romanov holidays before 1914 with Anderson's. Two others were Grand Duke Andrew, and Grand Duchess Xenia, who married a wealthy American industrialist.

But the immediate relatives of the Romanovs refused steadfastly to accept her. "The murder of the czar and his family was such a horrible thing, there was that wish among the people that it couldn't be so horribly true," said Prince

Nicholas Romanov, 72, a cousin of the czar and the head of the family, who now lives in Switzerland. "It was also a good tactic for the Bolsheviks, because it divided those in exile."

Even last week, the followers who survived Anderson remained convinced they had pinned their hopes to a genuine princess.

Richard Schweitzer, a lawyer married to a descendant of the royal physician who died with the Romanovs, commissioned the British forensic team, and he sat beside Gill last week in London, still protesting that Anderson was Anastasia.

"I still believe Anna Anderson was Anastasia; my belief is based on rational human experience," he said.

Yet, even with such loyal followers, Anderson's troubled life seems to have benefited little from the illusion of being a lost princess. In Charlottesville, where she spent her last years after marrying historian Jack Manahan, she was known as Annie Apple, a mad local. One restaurant advertised its wine with the claim that you

too would believe you were Anastasia after a few glasses.

Her rare visitors were shocked by the state of her home. "The stench of half-empty dog bowls, open tins of food and dried-up dog shit is enough to make you vomit," wrote one. "Amid all the trash lies the mattress. On it is the tiny figure of Anna Anderson in a matted tangle of blankets."

Shortly before her death, Anderson was forcibly committed to a psychiatric clinic. In an act of desperation, Manahan, who believed in her claims to the end, attempted to abduct her. After a wild car chase that ended with the vehicle surrounded by policemen holding rifles, she surrendered. Two months later Anderson died.

"I am certain at the end of her life she believed in her own story, and in a confused way she forgot her own life," said Prince Nicholas. "And there are those who wished to share her story."

"People look for exceptional events to change the past. But history is brutally effective in its solutions, and brutally simple." (The Washington Post)

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1994

Teva declines in NY, Tel Aviv following report on drug test

TEVA shares fell three percent on the NASDAQ exchange in New York and 5.5 percent on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday, despite test reports that a drug manufactured by the company reduced the number and severity of attacks in patients with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis (MS).

The promising test results were announced yesterday at the American Neurological Association meeting in San Francisco, and at a press conference that linked California with Israel via videoconference.

The neurological association meeting also heard good news about Betaseron (interferon beta 1a, which is produced by Biogen Inc. of Cambridge, Massachusetts).

Betaseron, an expensive drug based on a natural chemical in the body, produced similar results to those of Teva's drug (it scored even better than the Israeli drug in

the slowing of accumulated permanent disability), but causes serious side effects.

Weizmann Institute Prof. Arnon said it was likely that when given together, Teva's drug and Betaseron could provide added and even synergistic benefits to MS patients.

Clinical trials using this technique will eventually be held, she said.

Efforts to make it an oral drug are very complicated and will take years to produce success, as the digestive system destroys the polypeptide on its way into the bloodstream.

Oded Gal, an analyst at Oscar Gruss said Teva's decline was short-term, due to competition from Biogen.

But the presentation has brought about a consensus that Teva's product will be on the market, and much depends on the rate of market penetration, Gal said.

JUDY SIEGEL and RACHEL NEIMAN

"Even a small market share can do good things for Teva".

Udi Gelbard, deputy general manager of Oscar Gruss, said Teva and Biogen will most likely get FDA approval for their products, which should create a battle over market share.

Dr. Kenneth Johnson, chairman of the neurology department of the University of Maryland Medical School, who was the study's main investigator, answered reporters' questions along with Arnon, who developed the drug with her colleagues Prof. Michael Sela and Dvora Teitelbaum.

The polymer - known as COP-1, or by its new commercial name Copaxone, was tested in double-blind studies in 11 medical centers around the US.

Over a period of two years, half the 280 patients injected them-

selves daily with COP-1, while the other half gave themselves with a useless placebo.

Over the past few years, 150 Israelis with this type of MS have been receiving the drug in open trials at Hadassah-University, Meir, Assaf Harofe and Ichilov hospitals.

All the patients get the drug, and none gets the placebo. These trials have shown promising results as well, but were mainly conducted to show a lack of side effects and a high level of safety.

According to Teva's vice president for business development, Aharon Schwartz, 11 additional centers here will offer clinical trials of COP-1 soon, thus allowing all the 500 Israelis who have this type of MS to apply for participation.

Schwartz added that he hoped the drug would be officially registered by the Health Ministry in 1996, thus allowing all patients to get it from their health funds.

He expected the US Food and Drug Administration to approve commercial use of the drug within a year of Teva's application for registration sometime in 1995. There are over 100,000 Americans with this type of MS.

Multiple sclerosis is a potentially devastating, auto-immune disease in which the patient's immune system mistakenly attacks the myelin coating of the nerves as if it were an outside invader.

This leads to attacks that can blur vision, upset balance, impede muscular movement, weaken hearing, and cause paralysis and incontinence.

Seventy-five percent of patients are women. Most of the victims first show symptoms between the ages 20 and 40.

Some 30% of patients have only one benign attack in their lifetime. Others quickly suffer neurological damage, with little recovery of their functioning.

Panel plans to quicken construction of 4,000 housing units in Hadera

Post Business Staff

THE Interministerial Steering Committee on Housing yesterday discussed hastening the construction of 4,000 units in Hadera, Prime Minister's Office director-general Shimon Sheves said yesterday.

The move is part of the government's efforts to bring down housing prices in the center of the country.

Sheves said those contractors who did not receive building permits from the committee in the next three months could turn to the local committee for the permits, on condition

their plans met local requirements.

He added that the Housing Ministry will take full responsibility for the construction in Hadera.

Under the plan, the ministry will appoint a project manager who will have special authority to implement decisions.

The manager will also be responsible for the building of schools, roads, community centers, and synagogues. Hadera is one of a number of cities that will have a special project manager appointed.



A little girl sits begging in downtown Moscow as a passerby gives her some cookies. Economic troubles have hit many Russians, with the rouble yesterday dropping nearly 850 points against the dollar in the worst one-day plunge since trading began in 1992. (AP)

Government to sell 24.9% of ICL shares

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE Government Companies Authority yesterday announced its intent to sell up to 24.9 percent of Israel Chemicals (ICL) shares to an individual or group of investors.

Authority director Yossi Nitzani, who is currently in New York, said the procedures for the private sale were completed on Monday night, in consultation with the US firm of Arnold and Porter and the government's financial adviser, Wertheim-Schroeder.

According to the announcement, any individual or group interested in purchasing between 15% and 24.9% of ICL shares has until the end of the month to submit an application to the authority.

The authority will choose up to

five applicants who best satisfy the requirements of economic stability, business experience, proven financial resources, and the ability to buy the shares and hold them. The authority expects to complete the private placement by the end of February.

A month or two following the sale, a public issue will be offered here and abroad of a minimum of 22% of ICL shares and up to a maximum of 32%.

Nitzani and ICL board chairman Victor Medina are currently meeting with eight US and three European investment banks to choose which one will underwrite ICL's international public issue.

Following these sales, the government's share in ICL will drop from 75% to 28%.

Commercial banks announce new savings plans

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

COMMERCIAL banks yesterday announced new savings plans based on expectations that prime interest rates are likely to change soon.

First International Bank is offering customers an index-linked, one-year savings plan at an interest rate of between 2.25% and 4.25% annually, depending on the change in the prime lending rate.

The bank has also introduced a two-year option savings plan which offers customers full linkage to the Consumer Price Index plus 1.5% annually, or linkage to the currency basket plus 4.5% annually.

At the end of the two-year savings period, customers can choose the highest of the two interest rates.

Mercantile Discount Bank is offering customers full linkage, in addition to linked interest of 3.75% for the first half year.

After the first six months, customers' savings will be linked to the interest on Kfir bonds, which are issued by the Bank of Israel.

Two indicted for violating securities trading laws

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday indicted two people, portfolio manager Dov Landau and investor Efraim Yona, for violating securities trading laws.

Landau, a partner in the Mikvatz Teshuvah Investments and Securities company, was indicted for trying to manipulate Mann bond prices, attempting to illegally execute security transactions and posing as someone else.

In November 1990, the Securities Authority said Landau posed as a clerk at United Mizrahi Bank's Givat Shaul branch in a phone call to Mizrahi's securities division.

Landau instructed the bank to purchase NIS 40,000 in Mann bonds for one of Mikvatz's customers, even though the customer had canceled the power of attorney given to the company several months earlier, according to the authority.

A Mizrahi inquiry conducted shortly after the transaction was completed revealed that the order was not given by a bank clerk, and the bank instructed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange to cancel the transaction.

Mann bonds fell in value after the transaction was canceled, since there were no other purchase orders for that day.

The authority said Landau's actions were intended to create excess demand for Mann bonds and cause the bonds to increase in price.

In another case, the district attorney indicted Yona, an investor from Jerusalem, for insider trading.

In February 1992, Yona received inside information that the Eisen family, the former owners of Rim, were close to signing a deal to transfer ownership of the company to the Mishor Hachof Construction and Property company.

Yona received the information from one of the Mishor Hachof representatives involved in the negotiations.

He then instructed the bank to place orders for the purchase of NIS 32,000 worth of Rim shares, but the bank only managed to buy NIS 8,000 in shares.

Two days after Rim and Mishor Hachof informed the public of the expected transaction, Rim's shares increased 20 percent.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Northern Telecom announces deal with CellCom Israel: Northern Telecom Ltd. said yesterday that CellCom Israel Ltd. has selected it to supply Israel's second nationwide cellular mobile telephone network under a three-year, \$100 million agreement. Northern Telecom said it would immediately begin delivering and installing equipment for the system, which will begin service later this year. AP

Deal finalized to compensate vegetable growers: The Agriculture and Finance ministries yesterday finalized a NIS 250 million agreement to compensate vegetable growers who fear opening trade borders with the autonomous areas will reduce prices. The four-year agreement includes paying 20 percent of vegetable growers' production costs. The compensation will only be granted to tomato, cucumbers, potato, carrot, and onion growers. According to the agreement, farmers will not be compensated if the vegetables' market price is more than 50% higher than their production costs.

Court approves delay in El Al's privatization: Government receiver Shmuel Tzur told the Jerusalem District Court that El Al had failed to make severance pay deductions for employees amounting to hundreds of millions of shekels. For this reason, Tzur asked the court to postpone its privatization until February 14, 1995. Judge Zvi Cohen granted the request.

Fruit Growers Association launches campaign against imports: The Fruit Growers Association has launched a campaign against the decision by the Treasury and the Agriculture Ministry to approve the import of apples and pears. The growers have announced plans to hold an emergency meeting in the North next week to decide on measures for preventing the imports from entering the country.

This week, the Agriculture Ministry approved requests to import 10,000 tons of apples and pears due to the fruit shortage. The licenses are valid until the end of January. The ministry intends to approve the import of a total of between 20,000 and 25,000 tons of apples and pears this year, depending on the severity of the shortage, which has pushed up prices.

Elscint appointments put emphasis on marketing experience: Elscint announced changes in its management yesterday that show the company is making marketing experience its top priority. Incoming president Jonathan Adereth, who served for eight years as Elscint's vice president in charge of sales, has advanced four key managers, all well-versed in the areas of marketing, sales, and customer support.

"My intention is to transform Elscint into a company whose vision of the market and understanding of customer needs is the guiding principle for its activities," said Adereth. "Despite its reputation in the technological realm, [Elscint] has never managed to translate the excellence of its systems into a marketing breakthrough."

New Tadiran group head named: Tadiran has appointed Brig.-Gen. (res.) Benny Meidan as head of Tadiran Communications Systems group, the company announced yesterday. Meidan, currently serves as managing director of Koor Communications and Security Systems. Tadiran Communications Systems will be in charge of all Tadiran's military systems.

Int'l Technologies receives NIS 7.5m. order for IDF: International Technologies (Lasers) has received an order from the Defense Ministry to provide night vision systems to the IDF. The bulk of the NIS 7.5m. order will be filled during 1995.

Compro Software Systems establishes subsidiary: Compro Software Systems has established a subsidiary, Compro Computer Games, to manage overseas marketing and sales of its games division.

Nitzanim Fund to invest \$3.5 million in several Israeli firms: The Nitzanim Fund, have agreed to invest some \$3.5 million in a number of Israeli companies. The fund is a venture capital effort funded by the Kardan US-based electronics manufacturer AVX, consulting firm Strategic Business Development, Japan-based electronics corporation Kyocera group and Yozma Venture Capital.

Medical equipment manufacturer ESC will receive some \$1m. for development of non-invasive medical equipment used in treating varicose veins. Communications developer Pictel will get some \$1m. for its control systems used in switching and connecting video conference calls. Electronics firm Galileo, which develops specialized ASIC components, will receive \$1.5m.

WORLD BRIEFS

Chrysler profits surge: Chrysler Corp., enjoying strong demand for its cars, trucks and minivans, yesterday reported profits of \$651 million for the third quarter, up from \$423m. a year ago. The automaker, the first of the Big Three to report results, said its revenues climbed to \$11.7 billion from \$9.7b. The quarterly profit, equal to \$1.60 a share, was above Wall Street analysts' expectations of earnings equal to \$1.46 a share, and surpassed the \$1.04 per share it earned in the 1993 period. Reuter

UK opens regional airports to US flights: Britain opened the door yesterday for US airlines to use its regional airports but left the question of access to its key London hubs unanswered. Transport Secretary Brian Mawhinney told the annual conference of the Conservative Party that US carriers would in the future be allowed to fly into major regional centers and Stansted, London's third and least busy airport. But he did not include London's two main airports, Heathrow and Gatwick. Reuter

IBM launches major upgrade of OS/2 software: International Business Machines Corp. yesterday launched a major upgrade of its OS/2 operating system, hoping to build the personal computer software into more than a niche product. IBM is going up against industry giant Microsoft Corp., which has delayed the much-anticipated "Chicago" version of its popular Windows operating software until next spring. Reuter

THE Foreign Ministry is still pushing ahead with the plan to establish a Middle East development bank despite US opposition, because the bank is the financial anchor for the government's \$25-billion proposal for regional projects.

Foreign Ministry economic department director Oded Eran yesterday said that although the US disagrees, "there is room for dialogue based on a unified proposal [from the countries in the region]."

Eran participated on Monday at the Regional Development Working Group meeting in Cairo, which agreed to support the creation of a regional development bank. The group consisted of representatives from Egypt, Jordan, Israel, and the Palestinians.

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World Bank can play that role.

Eran argued that EBRD is recovering and successful examples exist, such as the Asian Development Bank. He added that the World Bank cannot take care of all the functions. Moreover, the World Bank does not fund cross-border projects, projects with the Palestinians since they are not a state, or with Israel, since the country's economy is too developed, said Eran.

However, during the Madrid International Monetary Fund (IMF) conference earlier this month, World Bank vice-president Kyo Koch-Weser rejected such criticisms, noting that the World Bank has made adjustments to accommodate and include the Palestinians in its projects.

The proponents of a regional development bank propose to create a bank with a total authorized capital of \$10b. and with \$2.5b. in paid-in capital. According to Eran, the actual cash deposited in the bank can be leveraged 10 times, or up to \$25b. - the cost of the proposed projects. By contrast, if a fund is established instead, all the money has to be put in up front, he explained.

However, banking officials point out that despite the leverage, should the projects lose money, participating countries will have to add more funds to the bank, as has been the case with EBRD.

Opponents of the idea are concerned about putting money into the bank before knowing whether the proposed regional projects are

even economically viable and can pay for themselves.

The creation of the bank is seen as the instrument for achieving regional economic integration. However, critics point to the existence of region-wide funds, such as the Arab Fund and the Islamic Fund, which could be drafted into financing regional development.

Treasury international division director Ehud Kaufman said the issue of a regional development bank has been on the agenda for a while. "There is reason to check if now is the right time to implement it and what is the required investment into the bank's capital," he said.

Both Eran and Kaufman admit that most of the money for the bank will come from the US, the Europeans and Japan, and perhaps from the Gulf states, since the greater part of the countries in the region are not in a position to come up with financing of this magnitude.

However, there is concern the money the Western countries put into the banks will eventually come at the expense of economic assistance the countries are currently getting.

Until the end of the month, the government will be working to get a consensus among the countries in the region so it can conclude the Casablanca regional conference with the establishment of the bank and appointing a study group to report on the capital requirements for it.

Until then, Kaufman says, the countries will have to draft a proposal that will be attractive to the wealthy nations, who will have to put up most of the cash.

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Mansdorf, Ferreira advance in Joyce Eisenberg Open

ORI LEWIS

MARCOS Ondruska of South Africa caused the first major upset at the \$275,000 Joyce Eisenberg Israel Open yesterday when he scored a 6-4, 6-2 upset victory over second-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia.

In other matches, Israel's Amos Mansdorf beat fifth-seeded Javier Sanchez of Spain and Wayne Ferreira, the top seed, advanced to the second round with a win over Francisco Roig of Spain.

Ondruska, himself no mean player, was simply more consistent than Kafelnikov. The match, between two steady and sleek baseliners who hit the ball extremely hard had little passion or excitement, but nevertheless produced some high-quality tennis.

The South African is ranked 135 in the world, compared to Kafelnikov, who is currently 13th.

But there was no apparent difference between the two.

Kafelnikov, tall, slim and smooth, hit the ball with great power from the back of the court, but Ondruska was equal to everything that the Russian prodigy could throw at him. Ondruska was simply the steadier and came out with the victory in just 70 minutes.

"I am very disappointed," Kafelnikov said later. "I was ahead in the first set, but then I relaxed and Marcos got into the match. You can never afford to give him that opportunity. I played well but then I let him bring me down to his level. I took too many risks. I wasn't patient enough," Kafelnikov said.

"But I will definitely return to try and win this tournament here next year," he concluded.

Ferreira did not play his best in his 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 win over Roig, but it was not a performance which the South African will remember for its merits.

He did just about the minimum needed to win, although Roig, a clay-court player with a cannonball fore-



MOVING AHEAD - Top-seed Wayne Ferreira of South Africa hits the ball to Spain's Francisco Roig during action at the Joyce Eisenberg Israel Open yesterday.

(Ranoch Outhman)

hand, troubled the top seed on several occasions.

"I didn't play well today, I can do a lot better than this," said Ferreira.

"I was annoyed with myself for losing the second set, but I managed to pick myself up towards the end."

Amos Mansdorf made sure of at least one more appearance in a professional tournament at home with a confident, albeit close, win over Sanchez.

The Spaniard, seeded fifth in the event, lost on two tie breaks as Mans-

dorf capitalized on Sanchez's weak backhand again and again.

The match started out with Amos looking jaded and in distinctly similar form to his recent Davis Cup performances.

But from 5-3 down, he turned the tables on Sanchez, using all his court craft and experience, forcing the Spaniard to make errors, or allow the Israeli to force winners.

Mansdorf was not overjoyed at the post-match press conference. He is too seasoned a player and apparently takes both his wins and losses in stride.

"I don't take my losses too seriously any more. So what if I lost in the first round in the last two tournaments," he said.

Despite being reservedly happy about his win, the Israeli said that this would definitely be his last tournament at home.

Mansdorf may yet play in Vienna next week, but that is his last commitment to pro tennis until the end of the year.

The Israeli No. 1 has said he will definitely not be available for Israel's Davis Cup tie against Norway in March-April next year.

In other results yesterday, Lars Jonsson of Sweden beat American Brad Gilbert, a four-time winner at Ramat Hasharon, 6-3, 6-4. Jonsson thus set up a second-round meeting with Mansdorf.

Defending champion Stefano Pescosolido of Italy had a very tough first-round match but his steady play was just marginally better than that of American Bryan Shelton's brilliance and he came through 5-7, 7-6(7/5), 6-4 to earn a second-round berth.

Other results yesterday: Christian Bergstrom (Sweden) beat Jordi Burillo (Spain) 6-3, 6-2; Andrei Cherkasov (Russia) beat Glenn Wicks (New Zealand) 6-3, 6-3; Filip Dewulf (Belgium) beat Chris Adams (US) 7-5, 6-4; Gianluca Pozzi (Italy) beat 4-Brend Karbacher (Germany) 6-2, 7-5; Fabrice Santoro (France) beat Patrik Kuhnen (Germany) 6-3, 6-1 and Lutz Mathe (Brazil) beat 6-Andrei Cherkasov (Russia) 6-4, 6-2.

Vikings beat Giants, share first with Bears



EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Anthony Parker and Warren Moon showed New York Giants' prize prospect

Dave Brown that he still has a lot to learn about life in the NFL.

Parker picked off a pass by Brown and returned it 44 yards for a touchdown on the fourth play of the third quarter Monday night to break a tie and lead the Minnesota Vikings to 27-10 win over the Giants.

Moon, with 154 NFL starts to Brown's five, was 23-of-34 for 299 yards and touchdowns pass and demonstrated the rhythm that Brown has yet to learn.

Parker's interception came after Brown, who also threw an interception that led to Minnesota's first touchdown, had tied it with a 3-yard run. The quarterback drew a 94-yard touchdown drive that began on the Giants' 6-yard-line with 1:27 left in the first half.

It alone demonstrated why the

Giants decided to give him their starting job and release veteran Phil Simms. Brown was 6-of-8 for 91 yards in the drive.

But on New York's first series of the second half, he demonstrated his inexperience, raising up and passing into the flat and hitting Parker perfectly in stride. The Minnesota cornerback took it untouched down the left sideline for the score, the second straight game that Brown has had an interception returned for a score.

Moon hit Cris Carter with a 20-yard TD pass late in the period to make it 24-10 and putting Brown, who finished 18-for-36 for 226 yards and three interceptions, into a hurry-up mode. Faud Revez, who opened the scoring with a 44-yard field goal in the first quarter, tacked on a 24-yarder that made it 27-10.

Minnesota improved to 4-2, tied for first in the NFC Central with Chicago. The Giants' loss, on the night Lawrence Taylor's "56" jersey was retired by the team, was their second straight after they opened the season with three straight wins.

It was also the first Minnesota

win over New York since 1976. The Giants had won four straight during that period, one of them a playoff game last January.

It was largely the product of a defense that has now scored 13 defensive touchdowns in its last 18 games.

Rodney Hampton, who returned to the Giants after missing two games with a back injury, was limited to 27 yards in 13 carries after rushing for 161 yards in the Giants' playoff win over Minnesota last season.

Terry Allen, who went in from a yard out for Minnesota's first TD, carried 21 times for 75 yards.

After Minnesota fumbled the ball away at the Giants' 1-yard line on its first possession, Revez and New York's David Treadwell tacked field goals to make it 3-3.

Vencie Glenn's interception at his own 47 on a ball tipped by Jack Del Rio set up Allen's TD.

The Giants then pulled off their long drive, 94 yards in nine plays in 1:20. Brown left the field to a standing ovation.

Two minutes into the second half, Parker put the fans back in their seats.

Ex-star Lawrence Taylor honored

EAST RUTHERFORD (Reuter) - The New York Giants honored their former superstar linebacker Lawrence Taylor by retiring his number 56 during a halftime ceremony at Monday night's game against the Minnesota Vikings.

The playing field at Giants Stadium was ringed with banners from fans paying tribute to the player who was affectionately known as "LT."

"LT, Thanks for the Memories," read one. Another said, "56, Simply the Best," while a third read, "There will never be another LT."

Taylor was greeted with an enthusiastic standing ovation when he was introduced for the emotional ceremony.

"For 13 years you brought great honor to this jersey," longtime Giants owner Wellington Mara said of the number 56 jersey he presented to Taylor. "Take care of it, for no Giant will ever wear it again."

Taylor donned the jersey one last time and said: "You know I should be nervous, but I'm not because I'm in my house, I'm with my friends."

Taylor led the Giants to two Super Bowl championships before calling an end to his brilliant 13-year career after last season. He is the eighth player in the 70-year history of the franchise to have his number retired. Earlier this year, Taylor was named to the 75th anniversary all-time team.

Israel to face Norway in Davis Cup

ORI LEWIS

ISRAEL will face Norway during its next Davis Cup.

In the draw made in London yesterday, the Israelis were placed in the Euro/African Zone Group 1 as a seeded nation and will travel to Norway for the March 31 to April 2 tie.

The victors in the tie will advance to the qualifying round for the 1996 World Group where they will face the first round losers in

the 1995 World Group.

Israel is expected to go to Norway with a new-look side which is made up of young players like Eyal Ran, Eyal Erlich and Ofer Sela. It will almost certainly not include the country's No. 1 player Amos Mansdorf, who has decided to quit.

The Norwegian squad is equally

anonymous. Christian Ruud, the Norwegian No. 1, has a current ranking of 144 and is followed in the rankings by Helge Koll (696), Fredrik Bach (1103) and Bent-Ove Pedersen (1223).

Pedersen is the Norwegians' top doubles player with a ranking of 148.

The Israelis' current rankings are: Gilad Bloom (195), Ran (220), Sela (322) and Erlich (403).

Israel meets Slovakia, and destiny

DEREK FATTAL

ISRAELI soccer has an appointment with destiny this evening.

The National squad's match against Slovakia at Ramat Gan National Stadium is arguably its most crucial encounter since the historic triumph just over a year ago in France.

Last month's 2-1 victory against Poland broke the five-year jinx which saw Israel fail to register a win in full competition at home. With that nightmare over the Israelis now aim to reap more success on the Ramat Gan turf.

Following a draw on the weekend between Group 1 giants France and Romania, the Israelis now lie in second position in their European Nations Cup qualifying group, one point behind leaders Romania.

The France-Romania result has thrown the group wide open. If the Boys in Blue can overcome their tough Slovakian opponents, the resulting three points will propel the Israelis into first place with a maximum of six points taken from two games. Such a lead would provide the foundation Israel needs to qualify for the finals in England in 1996, where it would meet the cream of Europe.

While Israel coach Shlomo Scharf cannot allow himself to look beyond today's encounter, there is no doubt that the potential fruits of victory should spur his players on.

The Slovaks present a far

sterner test than the Poles. The side neutralized the lethal Eric Cantona and his French cohorts in their opening group match in Bratislava, holding the French to a goal-less draw before a 17,000 crowd. Team coach Jozef Venglos is of the highest pedigree, having helped mastermind Czechoslovakia's capture of the European Nations Cup in 1972.

The pressure is on the Israelis to win, and the team will need to show plenty of passion and self-belief to outwit the Slovaks. Too often in the past the national side has failed to register the right result when expectations are high. Nevertheless, the squad has to seize full points from its home fixtures if it is to turn dreams into reality.

Scharf is looking to field the players who engineered the win against Poland. Tal Ben Haim and Ronen Harazi have both overcome fitness problems and should be in the opening 11. Avi Nimni may just squeeze into the starting line-up given his recent hot form.

The Slovaks are expected to pack midfield and attempt to mark Israel's playmaker Eyal Berkovic out of the game. Stefan Rosnak of Slovan Bratislava is expected to be the visitor's lone striker, with Real Madrid dangerman Peter Dubovsky

providing support. Towards the rear of midfield, St. Edienne star and national captain Lubomir Moravcik will aim to stymie Israel's creative unit, as well as provide the launching pad for breakaway attacks.

After Ronen Harazi's superb performance against the Poles, Scharf will be looking for more incisive finishing from the Betar Jerusalem forward, while Tottenham's Robbie Rosenthal needs to justify his inclusion by converting any half-chances that may come his way.

Israel's task will be made easier if roared on by a large crowd. The paltry attendance of 3,000 that passed through the turnstiles to watch the Poland game is simply unacceptable at this level. Unless more fans are drawn to this evening's match, the Israel Football Association may have to reconsider whether it is in the sport's long-term interest to continue to allow live television coverage of these matches.

The match kicks off at 6 p.m., and tickets are still available. The match will be broadcast live on Channel One.

European Nations' Championship qualifying group 1

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Romania	2	1	0	0	3	0	3
Israel	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
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Poland	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

Israel's Olympic team beats Slovaks

DEREK FATTAL

ISRAEL'S Olympic (under-21) side managed to beat its Slovakian counterparts with two late goals at Ashdod yesterday afternoon.

The Israeli knock-out blows came in the last five minutes of play. Liron Basis provided instinctive finishing to beat Slovakia's goalkeeper from close range in the 85th minute.

Two minutes later, Basis redirected a long clearance from defense into the path of Alon Ophir. The Hapoel Tel Aviv midfielder calmly drilled the ball into goal from the left edge of the area.

The goals were just reward against a Slovakia side that had come with the sole purpose of playing for a draw. Though the Slovaks managed to thwart Israel for most of the match, patience and persistence eventually paid off.

After the game, Olympic coach Yitzhak Shum was in upbeat mood, expressing his confidence that the full side would follow the example provided by the under-21s.

In Poland yesterday, the Polish under-21s made light work of Azerbaijan, sweeping to a 5-0 victory.

Sprinter says starter tried to disqualify him

HIROSHIMA (Reuter) - An angry Tala Mansoor al-Rahim of Qatar overcame five false starts to win the Asian Games 100 meters crown yesterday and then accused officials of trying to fix the race so a Japanese could win.

Mansoor, who won the Games' blue ribbon race for a record third straight time, hardly paced for breath at the end of the race before accusing the starter of trying to disqualify him so fourth-placed Japanese sprinter Satoru Inoue could win.

"They wanted me out of the race, the starter wanted the Japanese to win it," Mansoor told reporters.

Vitaly Savin of Kazakhstan took silver in a time of 10.29 while Chen Wenzhong of China ran 10.38 for bronze.

The sprinters were called back to the blocks an unprecedented five times, although just one athlete was disqualified, Uzbekistan's Anvar Koumrouddinov, who was next to Mansoor's lane eight.

Mansoor, himself warned for the third false start, struggled to control his nerves and was slow off the blocks when the race finally exploded into action.

But he turned on the power midway and loped to an easy victory in 10.18, beating his own Games record of 10.30, set at Seoul in 1986 and tied by him in Beijing four years later.

Mansoor punched the air defiantly and held up three fingers to denote his unprecedented three titles, before running a victory lap with a large Qatari flag draped over his shoulders.

But his mood turned sour when he faced reporters.

"There were not five false starts, the starter wanted me out," declared a visibly angry Mansoor, a lanky, 30-year-old officer in the Qatari army.

He said the attempt to fix the race started on Monday when the Japanese starter disqualified his teammate Saad Muthah in the heats.

"The starter mistook Saad for me and disqualified him," the Qatari said.

He charged that the Japanese officials wanted Inoue to win the race.

Inoue, who finished fourth with 10.41, said the false starts upset all eight competitors in the final.

"We didn't know if it was due to our errors or the failure of the electronic starts," he said.

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Court delays ruling on Labor-Shas accord

THE High Court of Justice yesterday postponed a decision on six petitions against the Labor-Shas coalition agreement, but indicated difficulties with both sides' positions.

The agreement states that any time Shas believes the religious status quo has been violated, legislation will be passed to rectify the situation. It also promises that the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom will be amended to enable the passage of such legislation.

Justices Meir Shamgar, Aharon Barak and Mishael Cheshin had particular problems with paragraph 3 of the agreement, which states: "If the status quo in religious affairs is violated, the two sides promise to correct the violation by means of appropriate legislation."

Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, in his response to the court, had said he considered this clause to be "inappropriate, and not to be acted on," because it made a blanket promise, instead of reserving the government's right to examine each proposed piece of legislation on its own merits.

Since the attorney-general's legal opinions are binding on the government, the justices asked, how does Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reconcile the agreement with Ben-Yair's objection?

Both government attorney Osnat Mandel and Labor Party legal adviser Amnon Lorch responded that they did not represent Rabin in this matter. Lorch said he only represented his party; Mandel said that Rabin was a respondent to the petitions in his role as party leader and not as prime minister, and that he was therefore not the responsibility of the State Attorney's Office.

However, Lorch eventually replied that the Labor Party did not see the agreement as binding, and that in any case, no coalition agreement is really enforceable.

Labor's constitution requires certain procedures for submitting any bill, he said, including approval by various party institutions and the pos-

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sibility of appeals. Thus the promise in the agreement is subject to a given bill obtaining the necessary approvals. Rabin would not have the right to make any other type of promise, he said.

"The meaning of a political agreement is that I will live by it as long as I can do so, given my fundamental principles," he said.

If it is a government bill, it would need Ben-Yair's approval as well, he added, and any bill would need to pass the Knesset Law Committee, headed by a hostile Dedi Zucker (Meretz).

Finally, the agreement is only applicable if both sides think the status quo was violated - not just if Shas does, he said.

However, the justices did not seem to accept these arguments.

"Are you trying to say that [the agreement] was formulated in terms of an obligation, but it shouldn't be taken seriously?" asked Shamgar in amazement.

"This seems like double-talk," Cheshin added. "The language of obligation is clear."

Since the agreement promises to pass legislation, not merely to try to do so, if the party approves the agreement, it will also be bound to approve subsequent legislation, Cheshin added.

Under pressure from the justices, Lorch finally said that if Ben-Yair's understanding of the clause was correct, the Labor Party would not be able to accept the agreement. Conversely, Mandel said Ben-Yair would have no problem with the agreement if both Shas and Labor would clarify that Lorch's interpretation was correct.

However, the justices did not give the petitioners an easy time, either. The Reform movement's Rabbi Uri Regav - the first to speak, and therefore the one to raise most of the six petitions' shared arguments - tried to argue that the agreement destroyed the independence of the judiciary, by

promising to circumvent any rulings by the High Court of Justice that Shas does not like.

"If this agreement guides the legislature, there will be no more independence for the judiciary," he said.

Furthermore, he said, the agreement violates a basic right of religious freedom - the freedom from religious coercion - which the court has consistently upheld.

The justices, however, stressed that the Knesset has the right to pass any legislation it pleases.

Would it be illegal, they asked, if, for instance, the Knesset had from the start passed a law giving primacy to the consideration of religious sensibilities, instead of passing the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom? If not, why is it illegal now for the Knesset to amend the Basic Law?

Would there be anything wrong with passing a law on religious affairs prior to a High Court ruling on the subject? If not, they asked, why should the same law be illegal following such a ruling?

"Our claim is that this agreement constrains the judgment of the legislature... [because] both sides believe it obligates them," Regav finally responded.

"If a party took this agreement as its platform, would that be illegal?" Cheshin asked. "If it's legal for this [party] and it's legal for that [party], why should it be illegal because it's an agreement between them?"

On the contrary, Regav replied: If a party ran for the Knesset with the Torah as its platform, this should also be illegal, under the law outlawing anti-Israel parties. "This is a question of democracy defending itself," he said.

The six petitions were filed by Tzomet, the Movement for Quality Government in Israel, Amniti - Citizens for Good Government, Tel Aviv Attorney Ze'ev Weiser, the Conservative and Reform movements, and a women's organization going by the Hebrew acronym Sh.I.N.

The court did not say when it will give its ruling on the petitions.



Vietnamese Ambassador Tran Tam Glap raising a glass of wine with President Ezer Weizman yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

Ambassadors from five countries present credentials

BATSHEVA TSUR

VIETNAM has invited President Ezer Weizman to pay an official visit to that country, the new Vietnamese ambassador said yesterday.

Speaking after presenting his credentials to Weizman at Beit Hanassi, Ambassador Tran Tam Glap told *The Jerusalem Post* that he hoped to see Weizman in his country "in the near future."

"Our two peoples know each other very well and admire each other," he added.

The establishment of diplomatic relations was made possible by "the new situation [in the Middle East]," he said, adding that his government "highly appreciates the policies of the government of Israel... which created the right conditions for relations."

He said Vietnam expected to see the development of economic and

political relations between the two countries, as well as increased tourism.

Tran, a veteran career diplomat, will be resident in Cairo. Beit Hanassi was abuzz with activity yesterday. Flags were hoisted up and down and the police orchestra continually played national anthems as five other new ambassadors also presented credentials.

First was Costa Rican Ambassador Manuel Lopez Trigo, whose embassy is located in Jerusalem. He was followed by Francisco Zepeda Andino of Honduras. Then came the Slovak Republic's first ambassador, Frantisek Dihopolek; Iceland's non-resident ambassador, Olafur Egisson; and finally the first ambassador of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta), Amade Ouedraogo, who is also non-resident.

Health Ministry to probe fatal switch of blood for heart patient

JUDY SIEGEL

A COMMITTEE of experts investigating last week's death of a heart patient after he received the wrong type of blood at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital announced last night that it was the result of an error that apparently occurred in the cardiac surgery department, before the blood samples reached the hospital's blood bank.

But the committee, headed by Hadassah-University Hospital blood bank director Prof. Noga Mali, could not pinpoint the exact stage at which the mistake was made.

The patient, a 61-year-old Tel Aviv resident, had received a transfusion of type A blood during open-heart sur-

gery, instead of the type O he needed. He died soon after, despite doctors' efforts to save him by replacing all his blood.

Health Ministry director-general Prof. Mordechai Shani yesterday appointed a ministry committee of experts to investigate the tragedy further. The committee, headed by Magen David Adom blood bank director Prof. Amnon Ben-David, is due to present its findings shortly.

Hospital director Dr. Gabi Barabash said last night that the Ichilov

committee took statements from 20 individuals and conducted repeated lab tests on specimens. It also consulted with biochemists to check the results of blood tests.

Barabash, who presented the results to the deceased man's family, recommended to the ministry that it appoint the second committee to take the investigation further.

Ichilov Hospital management is now considering a number of additional safeguards, in addition to those routinely demanded by the ministry, to ensure that such a mix-up does not occur again.

Annual cancer campaign to begin

JUDY SIEGEL

THE risk of getting breast cancer has doubled in the past three decades, with native-born Ashkenazi women facing more than four times the risk of native-born Arab women. Jewish women of Yemenite, Libyan and Iranian origin are least likely to contract it.

These statistics were provided yesterday by the Israel Cancer Association (ICA), which will hold its "Knock on the Door" fund-raising campaign next Tuesday. Thousands of schoolchildren will visit homes to collect donations.

Special attention will be given this year to breast cancer, which was diagnosed here last year in 1,650 women and 22 men. Although *sabra* women are more likely to get breast cancer than women in two-thirds of the world's countries, five-year survival rates here are among the highest anywhere, thanks to improved diagnostics and treatment.

However, only a quarter of women aged 50 to 74 go for regular mammograms - which is regarded as the best way to detect breast cancer early. These X-ray scans are free to women in this age group, the association notes. Studies show that women whose doctors advised them to go for a routine mammogram were much more likely to do so than other women.

While half of all the new cases diagnosed in 1990/1 were Israeli-born women under the age of 50, the incidence of breast cancer in women over the age of 65 is increasing rapidly.

The fund-raising campaign goal of NIS 10 million is significantly higher than last year's, due to the 50 percent hike in wage costs for social workers, psychologists and nurses who assist cancer patients in hospitals and the community. ICA chairman Prof. Natan Trautman said their salaries, subsidized by the voluntary association, have put a great burden on its annual budget.

Bill watered down on making ex-army brass wait for politics

HERB KEINON

THE Knesset Interior Committee yesterday chipped away at Likud MK Ron Nahman's bill to legislate a two-year waiting period before retiring chiefs-of-staff may enter politics, reducing his waiting period to one year.

In addition, while Nahman's bill singled out those holding the rank of chief-of-staff, the committee decided the proposed law should apply to anyone holding the rank of colonel and above, as well as police of comparable rank.

The committee is scheduled to hold another hearing on the issue soon. The matter is timely, given that Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak, who ends his tour of duty at the end of the year, has been touted as a possible candidate for defense minister.

Committee chairman Yehoshua Matza complained to Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss that the Defense Ministry's legal counsel, who was invited to the committee hearing, did not show up. Matza said the reason he was given was that the issue is political, and therefore the ministry does not want to become involved.

Ben-Eliezer: Ministry at work on state-comptroller findings

EVELYN GORDON

HOUSING Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer yesterday told the Knesset State Control Committee that he has accepted all the state comptroller's findings about his ministry, and is working to implement them.

State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat had found that Ben-Eliezer gave preference to municipalities headed by Labor Party members when allocating ministry funds. At times, these recipients were not eligible for such funding by normal ministry criteria, while Likud-led towns

which did meet ministry criteria sometimes had their funding taken away, the comptroller found. These findings were described in the comptroller's latest major report, released in May.

Ben-Eliezer told the committee that he had ordered the ministry not to transfer funds to those localities which Ben-Porat cited as being ineligible, unless the town had already placed written orders on the basis of the ministry's promised funding. In these latter cases, he said, he had asked the attorney-general how to act.

Remand hearing in baby dumping

RAINE MARCUS

AN Or Yehuda woman who is suspected of disposing of her newborn baby will appear in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court this morning for a remand hearing.

The woman, 29, who is known to be a prostitute and a drug addict, allegedly gave birth to the baby boy at home and then threw him in a garbage bin.

His tiny body was discovered last week by workers at the Hiriya dump, where garbage from the entire Dan Region is heaped.

Following an appeal to the public

for information, the suspect's neighbor contacted Rishon LeZion police and said the woman had been pregnant but there was no sign of the baby.

Doctors yesterday conducted tests on the mother's tissue to compare it with that of the baby.

Under questioning the woman denied giving birth.

She is known to police for prostitution and drugs offenses and was arrested about a month ago. Police said they recall she was pregnant at the time.

Tax evasion charge against IPO players

RAINE MARCUS

TWO Israel Philharmonic Orchestra musicians played into the hands of tax inspectors when they allegedly failed to pay taxes on income from performances abroad.

Violinist Menahem Brauer, 60, and first cellist Marcel Bergman, 54, were released on NIS 100,000 bail each by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Tax investigator Sassi Cohen told the court the two musicians supplemented their IPO income by performing abroad as the Israeli Trio ensemble, together with Alexander Volkov. The trio has also recorded albums, for which the members receive royalty payments.

But during the past 10 years, said Cohen, the two suspects failed to declare their earnings abroad, amounting to tens of thousands of dollars.

Development town mayors begin sit-down at PM's Office

DAVID RUDGE

DEVELOPMENT town mayors yesterday began an indefinite sit-down strike outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem to press the government to bail out their debt-ridden councils.

They claimed that the government was not honoring agreements reached several months ago at the end of a previous strike over the same issues.

The mayors are demanding the im-

mediate transfer of NIS 85 million to the coffers of their councils to prevent the collapse of education, welfare and regular municipal services.

The Interior Ministry said it had asked the Treasury to transfer funds to the councils as an advance on the agreed aid package, but so far the money had not been forthcoming.

The mayors want debt consolidation and special budgets.

Firefighters' union threatens to shut stations over no pay

DAVID RUDGE

THE national firefighters' union is threatening to close stations throughout the country in solidarity with colleagues in the Upper Galilee who have not received September pay.

The 50 firemen in the Upper Galilee region have already imposed work sanctions, abandoning stations in Kiryat Shmona, Katzin, Bnei Yehuda and Safed, and bringing all fire engines to Hatzor, the headquarters of the region.

They have ceased all work with the exception of responding to emergency fire calls and are threatening to intensify their action.

Gershon Zauberman, spokesman for the national union, said that unless the salary and other problems of the Upper Galilee firemen were resolved

soon, the firemen would cease answering emergency calls.

"Furthermore, we are prepared to close all stations throughout the country in support of our colleagues as part of the plans to intensify the campaign," said Zauberman.

He maintained that the firemen had not been paid social benefits, including pension, sabbatical and sick fund fees, for the past eight months, as well as not receiving their September wages.

Zauberman charged that the regional union of local authorities in the Upper Galilee area, which is responsible for running the fire service in the district and paying salaries, also wanted to cut staff by half in order to reduce costs.



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